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1. During 1950-51, engineers at the Walter Plant developed, independently, a new turbojet engine, which was said to be better than the British equivalent. The Walter Plant, which was nationalized and renamed Zavody teskeho strojirenstvi (Heavy Machinery Plant), is located in Koscire, a section of Prague XVI-Smichov which is situated on either side of Plzenska trida, leading to Pilsen.¹ This plant was engaged in the production of aircraft engines; [] the exact type. After the new engine had been developed, Communist managers of the plant entered the picture; they declared that the engine was a good one and that the State would like to put it into production. It should be pointed out that the State had neither financed nor supported the project up to this time. According to the managers, the facilities of the plant were not adequate for further research on the engine, and they ordered the men to pack not only the engine but also the necessary machinery and equipment so that it could be shipped to "larger facilities" in Moravska Ostrava. By February 1952 it had been shipped, but to the Soviet Union rather than to Ostrava. [] at the plant, even the Communists who had been associated with the project were furious.
2. From other things [] typical of the Czech Communist regime, although this is the only specific instance [] Although the government supports research only in specific research institutes, it encourages independent research already in progress by promising awards of money etc. When the particular project is considered complete, the researcher is asked to draw complete plans. Then, as a rule, the whole project is moved to another location, where technicians other than the originators carry on further research and tests. Any problems or questions which may arise are referred

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to the originator, who is told that his project is in capable hands and is being checked for possible defects or malfunction. Sometimes further research is suggested to the originator. After the technicians have thoroughly convinced themselves that the invention will function, the entire project, including plans, is transported to the Soviet Union. The inventor never hears of his work again. This research robbery happened so often that Czech researchers were slacking up in their endeavors since they know that the result of their labor will be sent to the Soviet Union.

1. Comment. The Walter Plant is now known as the Jan Sverma Plant of the Motorlet National Corporation, Jinonice, Prague-Kosire.

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